

# Walter Johnson Again Leads American League Pitchers in Effectiveness, Control and Strike-outs

## KANSAS COPS ALL HURLERS IN CIRCUIT

Allows Lowest Percentage of Earned Runs, Official Figures Show.

By DENMAN THOMPSON.

Walter Johnson's real worth as a pitcher never was more strikingly demonstrated than this year, when, although performing for a seventh place club, he led all the other hurlers in the American League in effectiveness by a wide margin, and finished at the top of the heap for the third time in the last ten years. In that period, from 1913 to 1919, including this year, the Kansas finished out of the money on only one occasion, his ranking being as follows: 1913, first; 1914, third; 1915, second; 1916, third; 1917, eighteenth; 1918, first; and 1919, first.

According to the official pitching records just released for publication and which include all hurlers participating in forty-five or more innings during the recent season, Johnson allowed opponents an average of only 1.38 earned runs per game, considerably bettering the mark of Eddie Cicotte of the champion White Sox, next in line, who permitted an average of 1.52. This pair alone allowed less than two earned runs per game. Carl Weiland of the Browns, third on the list, having an average of 2.07.

**Johnson Strike-Out King.**

Johnson's feat of fanning 147 batters entitles him to the honor of strike-out king for the fourth consecutive season and marks the eighth time he has gained these laurels, but is the lowest mark he ever has attained the "pinnacle" with. His high mark in this respect was established in 1919 when he whiffed 313.

Jim "Shaw" stands second to his teammate in strike-outs, with 127, and is second among the National League pitchers in effectiveness, although far down the list, with an average of 2.54. He has come to the top of the public mind since July 1—275, Johnson, Cicotte and Babby showed the best control, each averaging about one base for every six innings he pitched. Shaw made a sturdy bid for the mark of champion wild man of the league, a distinction he attained in two other years, 1914 and 1917, but was voted out by Howard Ehmke of the Tigers and Bob Shawkey of the Yankees, who issued 107 and 99 bases on balls, respectively. Shaw handed out 18, just one more than Harry Harper, whose average of earned runs allowed 3.72 placed him far down the list and suffers by comparison with the mark of 2.91 established by his companion southpaw, Jacek Tecumseh Zachary. Harry topped the only other two local hurlers listed, however. Molly Craft, who did just enough pitching early in the season, before being shut out to Minneapolis, to get his name in the records, has an average of 2.36, and George Erickson is at the bottom of the local heap with a mark of 4.22. The Swede's figures include games he pitched for the Tigers before he came here in exchange for Ayers, however, and a resume of the list and suffers by comparison with the mark of 2.91 established by his companion southpaw, Jacek Tecumseh Zachary.

**Rookie Hurlers Not Listed.**

What numerous young hurlers were able to accomplish in comparison with the veterans never will be officially known so long as Ban Johnson sees fit to continue the present incomplete system of figuring averages. It would be interesting to have the records of Harry Courtney and Schacht included in the official lists, for instance. The latter won two games for the Nationals and the former three, including a shutout, but their names are not listed because they did not participate in forty-five or more innings. The American League records since 1912, when the earned-run system for rating pitchers was adopted, have been faulty in that games won and lost have not been included, although this is of much more interest to the general run of fans than the earned-run figures. Neither are the shutouts listed. The National League records are almost a model in every respect, but all efforts to have John Heydler's system adopted have met stubborn opposition.

**Cicotte Won Most Games.**

This year seven American League hurlers won twenty or more games, the unofficial list according to the number of victories, rather than the percentage of games won, being:

Cicotte, 29 victories and 7 defeats; Coveleskie, 24—12; Williams, 23—11; Daus, 21—9; Shawkey, 20—11; Sothron, 19—12; Ehmke, 17—10; Babby, 17—11; Penneck, 16—8; Mays, 15—14; Quinn, 15—14. Other pitchers credited with 10 or more victories are: A. Russell, 14—8; Leonard, 14—12; Boland, 14—16; Kerr, 13—8; Thormahlen, 12—9; Shocker, 12—11; Gallia, 12—14; Jones, 12—20; Caldwell, 11—5; Faber, 11—9; Uhl, 10—5; Weiland, 10—6; Moeridge, 10—8.

However, the earned-run system gives a better line on the form of the pitchers, as is shown in a comparison of the work of Johnson and Daus. Johnson pitched 290 innings to 256 for Daus, allowed only 235 hits to 262 off Daus, and 48 earned runs as against 101 off Daus. In strike-outs and control the figures are equally in Johnson's favor, yet Johnson won 20 games and lost 12, while Daus was winning 21 and losing 9.

In addition to being the most successful pitcher in the league, Johnson was the hardest worked hurler, participating in a total of 297 innings, a little more than 24 nine-inning games. Jim Shaw took second honors in the iron-man class, with 298 innings.

Washington boxmen specialized in wild pitches last season, Shaw topping the list with ten, Harper standing second with nine and Erickson being third with three and Allen Sothron of the Browns, each having eight.

**TOLEDO WILL DUPLICATE ALL BIG FIGHT OFFERS**

TOLEDO, Ohio, December 20.—Toledo's Dempsey-Carbo fight, which is expected to take place at the Toledo Athletic Club, has been officially announced today at the Toledo Athletic Club, that A. G. Thacker, manager for the Toledo boxing commission, has wired Jack Kearns, manager for Dempsey, that his club will duplicate any offer made by the manager, London or the United States, for the fight. Thacker is awaiting reply to his telegram, it was said, and that Thacker was responsible for the fight here last July 4, in which Dempsey wrested the title from Jess Willard when nearly \$30,000 went into the boxing commission's charity fund from a 10 per cent tax on admission, and it is understood that Thacker's principal reason for wishing to stage another contest of a like nature.

**Gilhooley Wants Manager's Job.**

Frank Gilhooley is not satisfied with his sale to the Buffalo club by the Red Sox. He is going to try and get away from the International League team, because he has a chance to be a player-manager in the South Atlantic League, as he has been playing major league baseball.

## Sports in Winter

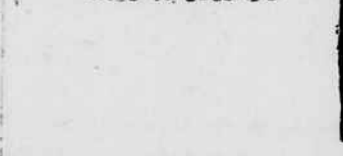
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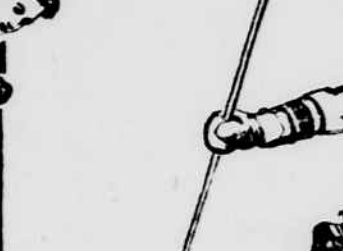
HENRY HALL JUMPED 203 FEET Steamboat Springs, Col., March 2, 1917

The sport world has donned skates and is gliding merrily along. Skating, skiing and hockey have supplanted base ball, foot ball and tennis as the seasons roll around.

Bobby McLean, who is the ice skating champion of the world, is on his way to Sweden to meet his foreign rival, Oskar Matheson, in a series of races for the title. Matheson was the world's amateur champion two years ago, but turned professional and visited this country, only to meet defeat in five races out of six against McLean in Chicago. McLean and

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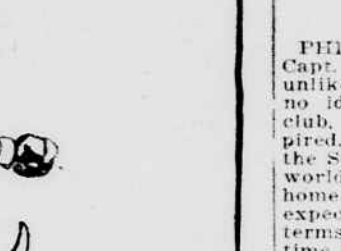
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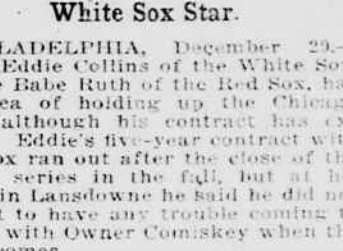
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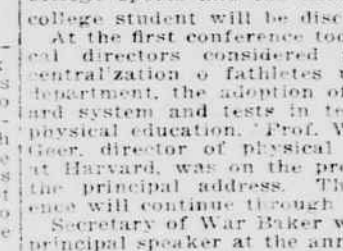
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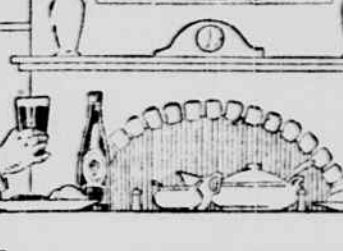
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	G.	IP.	AB.	R.	ER.	PP.	SO.	SH.	WP.	B.	
W. Johnson, Washington	39	290	1073	236	73	48	149	51	147	7	4
Cicotte, Chicago	40	307	1125	256	77	62	182	49	110	2	1
Williams, St. Louis	39	148	545	133	51	54	207	45	44	3	2
Mays, Boston-New York (including games played with New York)	34	266	976	227	91	62	210	77	107	10	4
Sothron, St. Louis	40	270	1039	236	101	66	229	87	106	10	8
Enzmann, Cleveland	14	55	215	67	20	14	230	8	13	2	0
Mays, Boston (eliminating games played with New York)	21	148	531	131	57	40	243	40	53	5	0
Coveleskie, Cleveland	43	326	1073	286	99	83	252	69	118	5	0
Leonard, St. Louis	38	289	1039	236	101	66	229	87	106	10	8
Ayers, Washington-Detroit	37	155	578	154	65	45	261	54	51	7	1
Thormahlen, New York	30	189	689	155	68	53	262	61	62	4	1
Leonard, St. Louis	38	289	1039	236	101	66	229	87	106	10	8
C. Williams, Chicago	41	297	1096	265	104	87	264	58	125	11	0
Moeridge, New York	36	179	667	164	70	53	267	49	69	7	4
Shocker, New York	30	211	791	193	75	62	268	55	86	4	0
Penneck, Boston	32	219	815	223	78	66	271	48	70	3	7
Shawkey, New York	41	292	944	218	94	79	272	99	128	5	1
Babby, Cleveland	43	326	1073	286	99	83	252	69	118	5	0
Shaw, Washington	44	288	1091	268	115	91	275	98	127	5	10
Uhl, Cleveland	29	184	689	155	68	53	262	61	62	4	1
Kerr, Cleveland	26	147	559	128	65	46	262	47	64	0	3
Kerr, Chicago	38	212	802	208	78	68	289	64	70	2	2
Uhl, Cleveland	29	184	689	155	68	53	262	61	62	4	1
Zachary, Washington	17	62	233	68	20	20	291	20	9	1	2
Lefield, St. Louis	19	92	326	96	40	30	293	25	18	4	0
Phillips, Cleveland	22	87	326	96	40	30	293	25	18	4	0
A. Russell, New York-Boston	44	311	1044	268	104	87	264	58	125	11	0
Bath, Boston	17	133	518	148	59	44	257	58	89	2	5
Love, Detroit	30	204	749	193	75	62	268	55	86	2	0
Caldwell, Boston	25	159	542	133	84	50	300	51	48	5	3
Boland, Detroit	33	249	899	225	114	88	218	107	79	6	3
Ehmke, Detroit	33	249	899	225	114	88	218	107	79	6	3
Hoyt, Boston	13	105	378	99	42	38	326	22	28	0	1
Naylor, Philadelphia	21	81	219	106	73	51	251	64	68	4	2
Daus, Detroit	34	256	941	262	125	101	355	63	73	5	1
Perry, Philadelphia	25	164	684	193	92	73	351	72	58	2	4
Gallia, St. Louis	22	87	326	96	40	30	293	25	18	4	0
R. C. Johnson, Philadelphia	34	262	764	222	106	81	361	62	87	3	4
Harpur, Washington	35	208	774	200	110	82	364	91	97	8	4
James, Detroit-Boston-Chicago	29	121	440	125	69	50	372	58	26	5	3
Myers, Cleveland	35	267	944	218	94	79	272	99	128	5	1
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Faber, Chicago	25	162	615	185	92	69	383	45	45	8	2
Craft, Washington	18	101	368	106	48	48	388	18	17	1	0
Jasper, Cleveland	11	74	275	70	40	40	388	18	17	1	0
Davenport, St. Louis	24	123	482	135	74	64	395	41	37	2	1
Thompson, Philadelphia	26	106	365	105	50	44	417	44	24	1	1
Ericksen, Detroit-Washington	33	147	508	168	82	62	422	42	31	0	0
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Cunningham, Detroit	18	185	54	36	26	48	438	15	11	5	2
Wright, St. Louis	14	62	189	54	20	20	440	20	13	3	0
Wright, St. Louis	24	63	251	79	44	39	557	29	14	1	0
Noyes, Philadelphia-Chicago	11	65	225	76	39	36	550	15	24	1	0